

# Fact Sheet: Public Safety Communications Network

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Summit Lake Solar Microwave Site, Custer County

As the State of Idaho has grown, so has its public safety communications systems to meet critical needs.

Currently, the state's 103 radio communications sites support a **microwave radio backbone** of about 1,200 path miles and about 10,000 two-way subscriber radios.

Idaho completed a **\$14.5 million**, ten year modernization effort in 2005 to upgrade the statewide public safety communications microwave network from 50-year old analog technology to digital capability. The completion greatly improves critical interoperability of communications throughout the state.

The upgrade also:

- **doubles the capacity** for public safety use,
- creates a **digital broadcast television** channel for Idaho Public Television,
- provides additional capacity to **improve delivery** of services to Idaho citizens,
- brings the state closer to a **seamless communication** system, and
- better leverages the state's assets by **reducing agency duplication**.

These systems, particularly the statewide microwave backbone, serve both state and federal agencies.

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